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President Lisa Borders and Members of Atlanta City Council City Hall, Suite 2900 South 68 Mitchell St., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**RE: Atlanta Commission on Women Appointment** 

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Megan Kelley to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is **to fill the unexpired term of Cynthia Burnside**, whose term expires 5/2/07.

I am confident that Ms. Kelley will serve the Atlanta Commission on Women with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

# Megan A. Kelly

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### ASHE RAFUSE & HILL, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia

Associate, June 2005-Present

- Engage in all phases of commercial and employment litigation, including managing nationally (conditionally) certified collective action; assist in trial preparation; depose witnesses including class representative plaintiffs; conduct fact investigations; prepare and supervise preparation of pleadings, affirmative and responsive discovery, discovery and dispositive motions and supporting briefs, briefs opposing motions for class and collective action certification, and settlement agreements; argue various motions; negotiate settlements; and participate in mediations.
- Scope of practice includes a variety of complex and commercial cases including products liability, business torts, contractual disputes, class actions as well as various employment, civil rights, and public accommodations claims, including matters brought pursuant to Titles II and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, and the Fair Labor Standards Act

#### **DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE**, Atlanta, Georgia

Deputy Statewide Coordinator, September 2004 - November 2004.

Manage daily operations of Kerry Presidential Campaign in Georgia, including:

- Coordinate with national campaign headquarters on various initiatives.
- · Plan and implement phone banks, visibility, rallies, and other events
- Recruit and coordinate volunteers
- Assess and resolve election-day legal issues

#### MERIAL L.LC, Duluth, Georgia

Senior Counsel, November 2003 - September 2004.

Assistant Counsel, January 2001 - November 2003.

Provide legal counsel for world's largest veterinary pharmaceutical and biologics company, a joint venture formed by Merck and Aventis, including the following responsibilities:

- Manage all litigation matters and supervise outside counsel for prosecution and defense of commercial, employment, regulatory and products actions.
- · Provide day-to-day commercial dispute and employment counseling and manage outside counsel
- Negotiate with shareholder parents regarding intra-company transactions and parent-third party transactions with significant impact on Merial.
- Review and prepare commercial contracts (including new business development, research and development, licensing, product acquisition, sales agent, distribution, marketing and agency agreements), participate in negotiations of same and counsel business units as to risk exposure and limitations of liability.
- Review all advertisements, marketing collateral and internal education pieces for compliance with state and federal regulations and advertising laws and guidelines.
- Coordinate with Regulatory Affairs to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for different product lines governed respectively by the FDA, EPA and USDA

## JONES, DAY, REAVIS & POGUE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Litigation Associate, October 1995 - December 2000.

- Engage in all phases of general litigation: second-chair federal jury trial and superior court bench
  trial; argue various motions; negotiate settlements; participate in mediations and arbitration; assist in
  trial preparation; depose witnesses; conduct fact and internal investigations; and prepare pleadings,
  affirmative and responsive discovery, legal memoranda, discovery and dispositive motions and
  supporting briefs, appellate briefs and settlement agreements.
- Scope of practice included contract disputes, tort actions, Fair Credit Reporting Act suits and other complex commercial litigation and defense of white collar criminal prosecutions

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDGE EMMETT RIPLEY COX, Mobile, Alabama

Judicial Clerk, August 1994 - August 1995.

### **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF LAW, Gainesville, Florida

Juris Doctor with High Honors, July 1994. Class rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> GPA: 3.59

Honors: Order of the Coif, Florida Law Review, Member, 1993 - 1994; Research Editor, 1994.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations Bachelor of Science Degree, May 1988.

**BAR MEMBERSHIP** 

State Bar of Georgia